

There's No Place Like Sanford for the Holidays

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This year, celebrate the holiday season in Sanford. There's plenty to see and do in one of Seminole County's most historic cities. From parades to historic home tours to 5Ks and classic movie showings, Sanford appeals to the young, the old, the curious, and everyone in-between. November and December are packed with fun, family-friendly things to do. Here's a sampling of some of the city's upcoming signature events during the holiday season.



November

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 TO SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – All Souls Community Harvest Festival

The season will kick off with this annual event held on SR 46. From a distance, you'll see the iconic colorful lights of the ferris wheel and hear live entertainment throughout the weekend. Entertainment, admission, and parking are all free. Ride ticket purchases can be made at AllSoulsHarvestFestival.com.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – Veterans Day

Starting at 11:00 a.m., visit and honor our heroes at Sanford's Veterans Memorial Park, 110 E. Seminole Boulevard.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – Rocket Man: A Tribute to Elton John

Scotsman Rus Anderson performs as a young 70's Elton John in the tribute show "Rocket Man". The energetic performance will be a magical night at the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center in historic downtown Sanford. Tickets can be purchased at WDPAC.com.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – Seventh Annual Turkey Day 5K

Work up a Thanksgiving appetite at the Turkey Day 5K on Thanksgiving Day morning. The race starts at 8:00 a.m. This is a great family-friendly event. For more information, email Staff@RaceTimeSports.com.

December

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 – Christmas in the Square

Come out in the spirit of the season for one of Sanford's all-time favorite events. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. and is located in Magnolia Square in historic downtown Sanford. The city will have its official tree lighting and you may even see Santa taking part in the holiday festivities.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 – Alive After 5 "Holiday Fest"

Join downtown Sanford's monthly street party from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. December's Holiday Fest is a must-attend event during the holiday season.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 – Movie Classics on Magnolia Presents *Top Hat*

Come see one of the great 1930s musical comedies starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. *Top Hat* is well-known for the glorious Irving Berlin score and the tagline "They're Dancing Cheek-to-Cheek Again." Admission is \$5 cash at the door of the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center. For more information, visit WDPAC.com.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 – 28th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes

Sponsored by the Sanford Historic Trust, the Annual Holiday Tour of Homes is open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Discover lovely and quaint historic homes and statuesque churches decorated with holiday delight on this self-guided driving tour. Live music and carolers will add to this enchanting atmosphere as you enjoy complimentary refreshments. For ticket information, visit SanfordHistoricTrust.org.

The Brightest and Biggest Parade in Central Florida!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 – Holiday Parade of Lights

Starting at 6:00 p.m., First Street becomes illuminated with lights and happy faces as thousands descend on historic downtown Sanford to see this incredible holiday parade. Wave to Santa as he passes by!



It's clear, Sanford is the place to spend the holidays. This season, you'll feel the charm of its quaint storefronts and relish in the ambiance of a warm and welcoming place. For more information, visit SanfordFL.gov.



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